Readings in Literature – honors

Summer reading 2016 (for academic year 2016 – 2017)

1) Trying to keep this simple. Read one of the following three books to ensure a B for your summer reading. Read any two of the following three books, or read one of the three books below & another book by one of the three writers (Elizabeth Strout, Rachel Kushner, Walter Mosley), to ensure an A for your summer reading.

2) <u>My Name Is Lucy Barton</u>, Elizabeth Strout <u>Telex from Cuba</u>, Rachel Kushner <u>The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey</u>, Walter Mosley

3) Additional book possibilities: <u>The Flame Throwers</u> (Kushner), <u>Olive Kitteridge</u> (Strout), any of Walter Mosley's detective/mystery/crime books.

4) Advice/recommendation: Google the books & read about them. Amazon will tell you stuff about the books & the writers. Wikipedia will also tell you stuff about the books & the writers. There's a lot of easy-to-get information out there on these books & writers. Do a little research & make a choice on which book(s) you want to read. (<u>Telex from</u> <u>Cuba</u> may be the harder book to find. <u>My Name Is Lucy Barton</u> is only in hardcover.)

5) Early in the school year you'll be asked to write & talk about the book(s) you choose to read this summer.

6) To summarize: for grade of B, must read one book from #2 above; for grade of A, must read one book from #2 above & one other book written by one of the three writers (Elizabeth Strout, Rachel Kushner, Walter Mosley) mentioned here in this assignment. You could read two books from #2 above to ensure an A for your summer reading.

Thanks a lot. Any questions you can call or e-mail Mike Powers (612 616 1825, <u>mpowers@c-dh.org</u>) or Terence Sinclair-Wood (tsinclair-wood@c-dh.org).

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